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Three charged with murder

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Three people were charged with murder in the case of the disappearance of a Niagara Falls man.

Alexander Fraser's car was found engulfed in flames along the Niagara Parkway in Fort Erie on Boxing Day. There was no sign of the 49-year-old man.

Niagara Regional Police now say Fraser is dead and have charged three Niagara Falls residents with murder.

Fraser's body has not yet been found.

"The evidence dictates the level of the charge," explained NRP Det. Staff Sgt. David Hunter.

"But, we cannot discuss the evidence that has been obtained during the investigation."

Victoria Harvey, 20, of Niagara Falls, was arrested Sunday and charged with first-degree murder.

On Monday, first-degree murder charges were also laid against Brad MacGarvie, 25, and Duran Wilson, 29, both of Niagara Falls.

Both MacGarvie and Wilson were in court for bail hearings Tuesday in St. Catharines. Harvey appeared in court Monday and remains in custody.

Police said the investigation is ongoing and further arrests are anticipated.

The investigation was initially centred in the Gonder Flats area of Fort Erie but now investigators have



The Niagara Regional Police marine unit assisted with a shoreline search for Alexander Fraser on Tuesday, Dec. 30. The Niagara Falls man's car was found destroyed by fire on Friday, Dec. 26 in Fort Erie.

turned their attention to the hydro canal near the Welland River in Niagara Falls where they expect to recover Fraser's remains.

On Tuesday afternoon, the NRP marine unit was in the water searching an area near a railroad overpass off the Chippawa Parkway.

Police say Fraser was targeted by the suspects.

The suspects were familiar with the victim, Hunter added, however Fraser may not have known all of the individuals who now face

murder charges in connection with his death.

Fraser, who was known to police, lived alone in the city's south end.

When asked why the police didn't release any information on the arrests until Tuesday, NRP Const. Phil Gavin said "the investigation was ongoing and developing."

On Boxing Day at about 2 a.m., police responded to a car fire along the Niagara Parkway in Fort Erie. Following the fire, Fraser, the

registered owner of the vehicle, could not be located and a missing person investigation was launched.

Police conducted a shoreline search using personal watercraft nearby where Fraser's silver 2000 Nissan Maxima sedan had been found burned.

Early in the new year, police asked residents in the area to search their properties, garages, sheds and wooded areas for anything suspicious or maybe a clue to what happened to the mis-

sing man.

"The residents in the area where the car fire occurred where extremely helpful and we appreciate any information that was given to us," Hunter said.

Police are now looking to speak with anyone who may have information on the case. Anyone with information can call police at 905-688-4111 ext. 2320 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Council mourns its 'voice of reason'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Richard Shular will be remembered by his colleagues and loved ones for his dedication to his community.

"As a councillor, Rick was never afraid to make the right decisions. He always stood up for his constituents," former mayor Doug Martin said.

Shular, a lifelong resident of Fort Erie, died Monday, Dec. 29 after a brief illness. He was 68 years old.

Shular served as the representative of Ward 2 in Fort Erie since 2003. In the most recent election, Shular out-pollled his only competitor by more than two-to-one and was selected to serve as chair-



Rick Shular

man of the corporate services committee.

"Rick has always been one of those solid people that spoke the facts. He was also a great advocate for the 'community,'" Martin said.

"He led the charge to be president, to be chairman. He always led by example. This is a great loss to the town."

Martin, who has known Shular for more than 40 years, described Shular as "the voice of reason on council."

"Things would get hot and heavy on council and he would always bring us back on track."

Shular is a former employee of Sherwin-Williams in Fort Erie and has been involved with a number of organizations including the YMCA, the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Erie Kinsmen and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71.

He took "the Kinsmen's motto 'Serving the community's greatest need' to heart," Martin said.

Shular was a life member and past president of the Fort Erie Kinsmen. He received the Hal Rogers Fellowship award and served as the Governor of District One in 1985.

He was Past Master of Palmer Lodge 372 in Fort Erie and served as Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District B in 2000.

Shular also served as the president of the Niagara District Shrine Club in 2005.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts was "stunned" to learn the tragic news about his colleague. Lubberts was re-elected with Shular in October to serve another term on council.

"I'm shocked and disappointed. I am sad to hear this happened. Rick and I had our differences but I was looking forward to working with him over the next four years."

According to Lubberts, Shular's voice will be missed in the council

Fort Erie council to decide how to fill vacant seat

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Council is left to fill a vacant seat following the death of Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular.

Shular died on Dec. 29 after a brief illness. He served as a councillor from 2003 to 2014.

Mayor Wayne Redekop said "there a number of options available to council." These options include calling a by-election, or select a new representative based on a selection process established by council.

Council may also select the runner-up in the ward from the Oct. 27 election.

"We will deal with these options (as a council) and go through the process," Redekop said. "The councillors can discuss these options and decide which one they would prefer to go with."

John Mollicone was the runner-up in the two-person race in Ward 2.

Mollicone has not publicly said he will accept the Ward 2 seat if it is offered to him. Out of respect for the Shular family, Mollicone said he will not speak about his intentions until councillors begin the process of filling the vacant seat.

"I want people to remember Rick, and move on. When council makes a decision as to what they are going to do, we'll go from there," Mollicone said.

Mollicone hasn't spoke to members of council or town staff about the vacant council seat.

Shular won the support of Ward 2 residents with 1,241 votes in the municipal election in October. Mollicone finished in second place with 508 votes.

"I think people spoke loud and clear when they voted (for Rick). I liked who they voted for. Rick was a good guy."

Council will reconvene on Jan. 12 for the first council-in-committee meeting. A regular council meeting will be held on Jan. 19. The Town of Fort Erie's budget deliberations begin Jan. 14.

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chambers.

"This new council—things were changing and everybody agreed we were going to make that change happen," Lubberts said.

"This is going to be a real test to this council and this community. Those are going to be big shoes to fill."

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said he was saddened to learn about Shular's death and extended his "deepest sympathy"

to Shular's family.

"It is not a happy day," Redekop said. "He was highly respected and loved by many people."

A service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday, Jan. 3.

The family has asked that donations be made to Community Outreach Program Erie, Meals on Wheels or St. Paul's Anglican Church.

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Challenge yourself to plunge into icy Lake Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Begin 2015 by participating in a Crystal Beach tradition.

Organizer Phil Smith is expecting "about 50 people" to take the plunge in the icy waters of Lake Erie as part of the annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook-Off Challenge at the Bertie Boat Club on Jan. 10.

Participants come from Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Chippawa and western N.Y. to participate in the "grass roots event."

According to Smith, swimmers have a variety of reasons why they decide to participate in the dip.

"Some people do it as a way to challenge themselves. Others are looking for a good story to tell, and for some people, it's another bucket list item to check off," he said.

"With the hubbub of Christmas nearly behind us and the New Year here, it's time to share some laughs and do something that may be out of our comfort zone."

The event is also "a lot of fun" for spectators.

"The numbers (of spectators) that come to watch those crazy people is growing," Smith said. "It is a pretty cool thing to see—the reactions of people in the water. It's a great event."

The Chili Challenge will warm up swimmers after the dip.

"We invite folks, whether they represent restaurants and organizations, or individuals to share their best chili."

Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by the dip at noon.

"We are asking that everyone gets there early and register," Smith said.

Admission to participate in the dip is \$5 and it includes chili.

Anyone who doesn't want to participate in the dip can still have chili for \$5.

Smith said there is no fee to enter the challenge. There just needs to be "enough chili to feed folks."

Individuals who wish to register for the Chili challenge are asked to call Arlene White at 1-905-401-4450 to register.

Smith said there will be a heated changing station for people who plan on jumping into the water.

He encourages everyone to come to "the first event of the New Year that brings people together as a community."

"It's a chance for you to see people you haven't seen in a while," Smith said.

All proceeds from the event will support the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association's projects.

Crystal Beach Public School students will also sell hot chocolate to raise money for the local elementary school.

For more information



Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge

• **Where:** Bertie Boat Club, 1010 Point Abino Road South, Fort Erie.

• **When:** Saturday, Jan. 10

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by the dip at noon. Chili will be served afterward.

• **Why:** To kick off 2015.

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Organizer Phil Smith expects about 50 people to participate in the Polar Bear Dip in Crystal Beach on Jan. 10.

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Fashionista on a budget

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Nicole Grigorov knows from experience that it doesn't cost a lot to dress well.

Grigorov is always looking for the latest fashion trends but she doesn't find them at a high-end clothing store.

She finds them at thrift stores.

Grigorov began shopping at thrift stores when she was a child to help her family cut corners and make ends meet.

"We grew up poor. My mom was mentally ill and my dad wasn't always around," she said.

"My grandmother took me under her wing and she always made sure I had beautiful clothes."

Grigorov's grandmother would take gently used clothing, cut them and redesign them into unique pieces that were "always better than anything new."

"Even now, I still go to the Salvation Army and Good Will looking for deals," Grigorov said. "Even when I had money, I still spent my money at thrift stores because I didn't like the thought of wasting money."

When Grigorov fell off her daughter's horse last year and broke her clavicle and 15 ribs, she relied on thrift stores again to help her stretch her budget.

"At the same time I was hurt, my husband was sick

and undergoing chemo. We both hadn't worked."

With four children to feed, putting food on the table and paying bills was difficult.

It wasn't easy but saving money on clothes allowed Grigorov to manage financially until she recovered from her injuries.

When she was fully healed, Grigorov made a decision to change her career path. The idea to start a new career came to her while shopping at a thrift store in St. Catharines. Grigorov decided she wanted to open her own store.

"I spent about \$1,300 on clothing for my kids' new wardrobes and I thought this is something that I could do (in Stevensville)."

She wanted to bring a thrift store filled with brand name clothing like Lulu Lemon to the community. "There isn't a lot of places where people can find high end clothing, at least in Fort Erie," she said.

"People have to travel to Niagara Falls or elsewhere."

Grigorov sold old antiques and heirlooms and used the money to purchase racks, hangers and high-end clothing from Kijiji to open her store, the Stevensville Clothing Exchange in April.

Although December was "a little slow" Grigorov said many people in Fort Erie have discovered the Stevensville Clothing Exchange at 2604



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Nicole Grigorov knows thrift stores are a necessity to help families living on a budget make ends meet. The Stevensville resident opening up the Stevensville Clothing Exchange last April and hopes to break the stigma about buying gently used clothing.

Stevensville Rd.
"A lot of the clothes we get

are gently used and many of them still have the tags on

them," Grigorov said.
There is still a stigma

attached to used clothing, but it's a stigma that Grigorov is hoping to change.

"I think people are catching on to used clothing and it is becoming more trendy." The store owner also recently opened a second location in Niagara-on-the-Lake at 1501 Niagara Stone Rd.

Grigorov only accepts brand name clothing that is clean and well cared for. She offers in-store credit or cash to individuals who wish to sell clothing, shoes, and purses.

"It has to come in clean and in mint condition or I won't take it," she added.

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The Rotary Club of Fort Erie is inviting the public learn more about Major Alan Woolley and his peace keeping missions on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Woolley, of Fort Erie, enrolled as a private in the Essex and Kent Scottish in 1974. During the course of his career, Woolley has served with The Highland Fusiliers of Canada, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, The Lincoln and Welland Regiment. He was the Director General International Security and Policy until he retired in 2003.

Woolley will speak at the Fort Erie Golf Club at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free.

Foul play ruled out in St. Catharines man's death

Foul play is not suspected in the case of a body found in a ditch on Lakeshore Rd. on New Year's Day.

"At this point, the autopsy is back and foul play isn't suspected," said Niagara Regional Police Const. Phil Gavin. "What we are interested in is how he came to be where he was."

The body of Vlado Rukavina, a 50-year-old St. Catharines man, was found just after noon Jan. 1, but police have yet to release details of his final hours.

A family member said Rukavina had worked as a bartender in the hotel industry.

Garfunkel, Moody Blues head casino lineup

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Art Garfunkel, who was one half of the iconic folk-pop duo Simon & Garfunkel, will perform at Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara Falls in April.

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Do You Remember?

Due to the holiday publishing schedule, the Fort Erie Historical Museum has not received any calls about the latest photographs of either the two skaters or the milk jug curlers.

As always, we still welcome your calls to help identify these or any other of our Do You Remember photographs.

However, our previous Christmas photograph (Dec. 18) generated a lot of interest, includ-

ing calls from Bud Spurrett, Councillor Don Lubberts and MPP Wayne Gates who identified Dennis Hull with Gord Singleton, Canadian Olympic cyclist behind him.

Paul Mason, the man on the right, remembered the event because he was President of the Peace Bridge Men's Teacher's Federation, the organizers of this father and son sports night in March of 1981.

Robert Tripp identified Norm Lennox, former RCBHS geography teacher as the man in the centre.

This week's photo shows four local hockey enthusiasts honing their skills on Black Creek.

Do you recognize anyone in the photo or possibly even yourself? Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Insanity is a requirement for Polar Bear Dip participants

I think I must be crazy.

For some strange reason unbeknownst to me, I thought it would be a fabulous idea to participate in this year's Polar Bear Dip at the Bertie Boat Club on Saturday.

Of course I decided to 'take the plunge' and told all of my coworkers I would do it.

As expected, they laughed and told me I was insane. They also agreed to come and cheer me on.

It's always nice to know your friends will support you—even when you're about



Sarah Ferguson
Editor's Notebook

before I realized Niagara would feel one of the coldest weeks of the year.

Niagara Region Public Health issued an extreme cold weather alert Monday morning, and temperatures were forecasted to drop below -15C.

Environment Canada also issued a special weather statement for Niagara. Temperatures this week are expected to be well below the average for early January.

As I looked outside the Times' office just a few hours

before the paper went to press, I wasn't encouraged by the falling snowflakes.

It's too late to back out now. I wouldn't want to be called a chicken—or worse.

So I'm just going to have to grit my teeth and bear the pain that will hit the moment I plunge my body into the bone chilling water.

I've been looking into ways to train for the event. But I shuddered at the thought of taking a cold bath filled with ice cubes.

I think I'll just wait and stay

warm until the very last minute.

I've reported on a few Polar Bear Dips and many people have told me it's fun to participate in because it is the first community event of the New Year.

Some people participate in the event as a way to kick off the New Year.

Others do it because it's on a bucket list of things they'd like to accomplish.

I'm doing it because I am nuts.

I hope to see many Fort Erie

residents come out to the Bertie Boat Club for the big event at noon on Saturday. Please feel free to join me.

The Polar Bear Dip is always an entertaining sight to see.

And this year will be no different. I'll be one of the looney people screaming from agony.

I sure could use some encouragement—or maybe a big push into the water.

See you all at noon. Registration begins at 11 a.m. sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

to do something completely stupid.
I made the decision to jump

opinion page

Library offers new speculative fiction discussion group

There is a new program at the Fort Erie Public Library, just right for celebrating the new year.

The Speculative Fiction Café is the latest book discussion group in town. Speculative fiction is a term used for a broad literary category that includes any fiction with supernatural, fantastic, or futuristic elements.

Horror, fantasy and science fiction all fall under the broad umbrella of speculative fiction.

If you are a fan of the work of Neil Gaiman, Ray Bradbury, Robert Heinlein or Max Brooks, the Speculative Fiction Café could be just the place for you to meet with other readers of this crossover writing genre.

Moderator Derek Clendenen invites all who are interested to meet at the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library this evening, January 8, and the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., to discuss favourite authors and interesting books.

If movies are your thing, there's a recent film with a great story and a terrific



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

cast playing tonight at the Centennial branch.

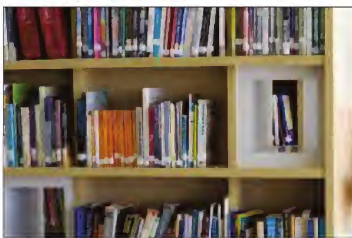
The judge stars Robert Duvall as a judge and murder suspect in a small town, with Robert Downey, Jr. as his son, the big city lawyer who returns home to discover the truth.

You could sign up today—or help someone sign up—for some of our popular programs for young people. A St. John Ambulance course in "What Every Babysitter Should Know" will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch. This is a course created for the 11-14 year old age group, designed to teach babysitting, leadership and first aid skills. Participants

learn to care for infants, toddlers, school-aged children and themselves. There is a \$40 course fee; please call St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340 to register or for more information. Space is limited to 18 participants.

A free videogame tournament day will be held at the Centennial branch on Saturday, Jan. 24, with bracketing beginning at 10:15 a.m. The game this month is NBA 2K15 for Xbox and Playstation. The first person who signed up for the tournament selected the Cleveland Cavaliers as his team. What will your pick be?

One more January event for young people is the Spelling Bee. This Family Literacy Day event, jointly sponsored by the library and the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie, will be held on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 28. We promise an evening of fun and challenge—and spelling—to students in Grades 3 to 8. World lists will go up on the library web site www.fepi.ca very soon, and registration can be made now at



any branch or by phone. There is no charge to enter or to watch!

Other events during the coming week include the ever popular Stories for 2s and 3s, a story time with plenty of activities to foster early literacy skills for little ones from eighteen months of age.

Stories for 2s and 3s will be held at the Stevensville branch on Monday, beginning at 10:45 a.m., and

starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch on Tuesday morning and the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday. A Homeschool Library Club will be offered for the very first time on Wednesday, Jan. 14, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch.

Join with other home schoolers from the Fort Erie area for fun, educational, and library skill activities.

This club coordinates parent-led, group activities for children of all ages. There is no need to register ahead for either the story-time or the Homeschool Library Club. There is a fee of \$2 per child or \$5 per family.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

It shouldn't take New Year's to make positive changes in your life

'New year, new me' tends to be the slogan for the month of January.

And for some of us, that expression holds true and for some of us, Jan. 1 is just another day.

With the new year in full swing we have already broken a resolution while others are staying on track.

My only resolution I pretend to make to myself is to not swear so much as it is silly and seems simple to keep.

Well, that lasts about 12 hours into the new year—not as easy as it sounds. Maybe that is one reason I



Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

don't make resolutions—I don't like to fail at things or put too much pressure on myself as we tend to do with a resolution.

Whether it is to lose

weight, find love or get a new job, these ideas come to light in a new year.

I tend not to make resolutions (except the one I never keep), but rather goals for myself and try not to set Jan. 1 as the day to start them.

Understanding the new year brings feelings of change or renewal and a time to reflect on the past year.

There are some years we all love to say good riddance to and some years we wish could replay over and over.

Those so-called bad

years are sometimes filled with heartache, tragedy or just plain old bad luck, but in that we sometimes get life lessons or realize how resilient we can be.

If New Year's Day is just another day on the calendar, why do we put so much emphasis on everything surrounding it and leading up to it?

Even New Year's Eve can be filled with needless ideals and pressure.

They say how you spend New Year's Eve is how you end up spending the rest of the year and we tend to want to have the perfect

night and even romanticizing that New Year's Eve kids.

I don't know who these people are that come up with the superstitions, although I think some of them are romantic comedy writers and liquor brands.

One thing I have come to realize as the years pass is—resolution or not—the best thing I can do each year is get rid of negativity.

My own negative thoughts and toxic people have no place in my life or dreams.

So if you are making a lifestyle change, there will

be some people who will want to see you fail and try and sabotage those goals.

What I would really like to say to those people is an expletive (there I go again), as you will want to do the same, but you don't need those people to succeed.

2015 has only just begun with 365 days to make the most of.

Annie Pasquariello is a resident of Fort Erie and a freelance reporter for the Fort Erie Times

From the gardener's journal: You can easily care for cacti

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

The last time we had such a 'green' Jan. 1 was a few years ago when we lived in London and packed my mum up in Toronto and drove to Niagara Falls for the musical mayhem at New Year's.

You have to know it was pouring rain, the bands were a little sketchy about the electronics and weather and my mom spent her time looking at the fancy shoes and nicely turned out crowds standing around.

She was in the wheelchair and thanks to some good samaritans, we were able to get her to the top of Clifton Hill when the festivities were

finished. I still can see her moving and grooving to the music with rain dripping off her hooded coat. There's no party like the Falls at New Years.

Unless like this year, we opted for the beach at midnight with our two dogs and flashlights. Thinking it would be really cold and windy, we were so wrapped up. As it turned out the evening light bounced off the cloud cover and we didn't even need flashlights for the walk along the beach and river. The fireworks from Buffalo were clear and beautiful. It was a New Year's to remember.

Living in a bordering community, it can be difficult at times to appreciate what you have and where you are.

Many folks drive around seeking bargains and perhaps missing what is right there where they are living. I make it a habit to stay as local as I can and so I have become a great verbal booster for this lovely community. Each new year I hope for better times for us all, realizing we must support our community to have those better times. We can support our own local shops and business with our money and our participation.

I love supporting all our local plant growers as they all give back greatly to our town. If we make one resolution to keep this year. I hope it is to support our local folk even more!

And speaking of support,

thanks to everyone who contributed to our greenhouse in autumn with recycled planters and sharing their growing plans to winter over.

This will be a testing week to see how everything has fared. I want to know how well Mickey Minnie and their offspring have eaten in our absence. Before we know it, it will be time to plant seeds for early spring.

In the mean time let's pause and look at some wonderful and easy care indoor plants to carry us through while our spaces are looking a little bare after the Christmas season is packed away.

I am thinking of the easy care succulents and cacti. Some of you, like myself may have a Christmas cacti that is still blooming. Just let it dry thoroughly. With a little water a few times and placing it in a south or west facing the winter sunshine will steady it until spring and summer warmth and sun. The blooms are truly lovely on this cacti and I hope you can enjoy them long into the spring and summer.

I am often asked how to

handle spiny cacti.

Gloves can be used but I have found that the spines can stab right through them. So I use a newspaper folded into a narrow band and wrap the spiny plant when it needs to be repotted. It is easier to handle the cacti this way and I have had success and less pain doing this.

I love to keep aloe vera plants handy as they are a great source of vitamin E for healing of cuts. To divide them easily I use these steps: firstly, spread out newspaper carefully, then tip the pot to its side and slide up the dry plant.

If it is moist there is more mess.

Decide how many plants you want and gently massage and separate the roots from the root ball. Be sure each little division has roots, stems and leaves, or shoots. Potting it into a pot with a layer of small pebbles in the bottom ensures good drainage and for succulents that is essential. Place the division in the centre of the pot and use fresh soil—not too rich for succulents.

Plant each little division as deep as it was before

splitting. Press the soil firmly around the plant and water with warm water just the soil and not too much for succulents.

Put the little divisions in their new pots in a protected location out of sun and drafts for a few days.

They will adjust to their shock and be ready to join your indoor garden or a friend's. I love to share aloe vera and truly believe every family needs at least one to help with cuts and scrapes during the growing years.

There are lovely colourful succulents available now so I would suggest that the very first hard snowfall you journey to one of the plant nurseries to take a walk through the greenhouses. The succulents are sure to lift your eyes and spirits with their abundant life and prolific growth. In most of our spaces during the winter months when the heat dries the air, the succulents and cacti thrive. That helps us as the winter keeps us inside more!

Just a reminder that the Farmer's Almanac is calling for a slightly milder winter temperature wise and below normal snowfall. I guess we shall see how right they are this year. Look in the night sky for Saturn to hover near the crescent moon on Jan. 16. If it becomes cold and clear, that should be a great show.

And just in case winter seems long, we have almost nine hours of daylight now and by month's end we should be increasing to nine and 3/4 hours. The light is coming.

Until next week, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticultural Club.



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Niagara Parks Emerald Ash Borer Woodlot Management Plan For Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex

Parks and forestry staff of The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) have been monitoring and evaluating the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) as it has made its way across Ontario and into the Niagara region, including within the lands protected by NPC.

This non-native insect burrows into Ash tree bark and removes the ability of the tree to retain the nutrients it will need to sustain its health and growth. In response, municipalities and agencies across Ontario have taken various measures to limit the impacts of EAB on tree lined streets and within forested areas.

NPC has developed a proactive Emerald Ash Borer Forestry Management Plan to address the impact and spread of this particular species, which has affected the high concentration of Ash trees found in and along NPC's Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex. As Emerald Ash Borer populations increase over time, this proactive plan will help ensure selective Ash tree protection; preserve the environmental and aesthetic benefits of the tree population within Niagara Parks and support public safety through a combination of monitoring, removals, replacements, and public education strategies. One strategy to be implemented in the winter of 2015 is low-intensity thinning to take place on a 40 hectares (100 acre) parcel of land in the northeast area of Legends on the Niagara.

In 2015, as part of NPC's efforts to proactively managing the EAB issue, while ensuring a long-term healthy tree inventory/tree canopy along the Parkway for its residents and visitors, 40,000 new trees and seedlings will be planted across NPC properties.

NPC will be hosting a Public Information Centre to discuss its EAB Management Plan for Legends on the Niagara for the 2015 year.

What: NPC Public Information Centre
Where: Legends on the Niagara Clubhouse
9172 Willoughby Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario
When: Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Times: 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Who: NPC officials will be in attendance to discuss its 2015 EAB plans for Legends



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Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program finds new home on Jarvis

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

What started as an Easter basket program has flourished into a thriving charitable organization that serves families in Niagara.

But five years ago, Mindy Leveille never imagined she would be able to help so many people.

As a single mom, Leveille knew what it was like to struggle to make ends meet. Sometimes she even relied on help from other people. When she found herself in a position to help other parents, Leveille decided she wanted to do something to give back to the community.

That's when Leveille began the holiday basket program for families in need at Easter.

Leveille used her husband's tax return in 2010 to buy 15 baskets and filled them with goodies. That year, Leveille ended up helping more than 60 children thanks to support from the community.

Over the last five years, Leveille expanded her holiday basket program and has since renamed it Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program.

With community support, the organization offers Thanksgiving hampers, Christmas stockings for children and a back-to-school program to families across Niagara.

The Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program became a registered charity in November and Leveille is "excited" the charity has opened at its new location at 116 Jarvis St. last month.

Previously, Leveille said the charity operated out of her Fort Erie home and her house was filled to the brim with items for the charity's programs.

"I always thought it was going to be in my house," Leveille said of the Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program.

"My dream was to get (NACAP) to be big. In the beginning, it was just me helping people in Fort Erie and it has grown to help all of Niagara."

The space was provided by Fort Erie residents Leo and Linda Favero and



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program board members Sue Puhakka, Mindy Leveille, Erica Beaulieu and Amanda Plato have been busy renovating the charitable organization's new office at 116 Jarvis St., in Fort Erie. NACAP provides assistance to families in need during Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It also provides a back-to-school program. Missing from the photo is board member Carrie Wallace.

NACAP board members are currently renovating the space to make room for an office and storage for the organization's hamper and back-to-school programs.

"They were gracious enough to donate the space for a month and a half to us," Leveille said about the Faveros.

NACAP will also set up a store to sell gently used clothing and other items which Leveille expects to launch by the end of February. The proceeds from the store will be used to keep the lights on and pay the rent while funding free programs.

Leveille said she would like to offer a variety of free classes and workshops such as parenting classes and how to eat healthy on a budget.

"We have no funding coming in for NACAP and we rely on the community for support," Leveille said. The founder of NACAP said she is grateful for the support

the community has shown to the organization over the course of the last five years. The organization is putting a call out to the community

for shelving, office furniture and building materials to finish renovations. Donations of new and gently used clothing, toys and other items are

also needed.

"Our plan is to set up shop (on Jarvis St.) and apply for grants to get NACAP to grow," Leveille said.

For more information about NACAP and how to help call Leveille at 289-322-0357. sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

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Region councillors to mull raise

Rob Houle
OMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Region politicians get back to business this week and one of the first orders of business will be deciding on whether they get a raise.

A staff report that was delivered to the Region's corporate services committee Wednesday shows councillors and the regional chair would receive, upon council approval, raises of 2.93% retroactive to Dec. 1. The

raises would see pay for regional councillors increased from \$28,353 to \$29,184 yearly and the chair's salary jump to \$120,768 from \$117,330. The salary hikes are based on a methodology established by a council remuneration citizens review committee and approved in 2004. Raises are based on the 12-month average core consumer price index and the Conference Board of Canada's annual policy line change for non-unionized employees for

Ontario.

Council has voted against a wage increase to both councillors and the chair since receiving a 3.23% raise in 2010, a trend Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs said should continue.

"Some people would argue that within the (Region's total budget) it's not a huge increase, but others would argue that every penny counts — I know that's typically how I think in Wainfleet — so I'm thinking odds are I'm not going to

support it," Jeffs said.

Rookie regional Coun. Tony Gook of Grimsby is also not in favour of a 2.93% raise, believing councillors need to continue leading the way in salary restraint.

"I will not be supporting it," Quirk said. "The reason being I believe we should limit it to the cost of living at the very most. I think there's been a push to ask our staff to reduce salaries and keep it to a lower increase than that. I can't imagine a do-as-I-say-not-what-I-do sort of thing."

The staff report also recommends council maintain its position on one third of councillor and chair compensation being tax free. The report notes the tax break is allowed by the Canada Revenue Agency and Municipal Act as that one third is deemed to be expenses. The report notes other alternatives to the one-third tax break, but each would end up costing the Region more. The report says the cost to fully tax councillors and the chair for 2014-15

would cost an additional \$46,589 in Canada Pension Plan and Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System payments. Another option in the report would be bumping councillor and chair remuneration to provide the current net pay, which would cost the Region an extra \$216,720, as it would hike chair pay to \$160,550 and councillor pay to \$34,190. The report recommends the status quo.

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Blustery start to icewine harvest in Niagara

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Icewine picks are infamous for their merciless weather conditions.

Traditionally, they involve the marshalling of bodies to pluck frozen grape bunches at night in frigid temperatures.

But for Jamie Slingerland and his crew at Pithlori Estate Winery, that effort will be a little more comfortable this year.

Not only do he and other larger producers often use mechanical harvesters, slugging temperatures during this time allowed an 8 a.m. start on Monday.

"Our plans are to go until midnight, or as long as we can last. And everything is going well"

the director of viticulture said, by late morning. "Daytime picks are certainly the nicest, because you can see everything and everyone's awake. It fits into our regular sleep cycles."

Slingerland — whose winery is a significant icewine producer — said temperatures are checked on an hourly basis, thanks to a number of apps that help with the task.

Temperatures need to be at least —8C for several hours to allow the sweet delicacy to be pressed and fermented.

By mid-morning, the thermometer read -9C, with the Vidal grapes frozen hard and temperatures forecast to slip another degree through the day. Meanwhile, it's a different

scene now with a smaller crew mechanically harvesting in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"We used to have 50 to 80 people out handpicking, and we moved to mechanical," he said.

Reasons behind the change include "the sheer volume of vines that makes it hard for crews to work longer than four to six hours."

"And we're finding, year after year, it's also gotten much more difficult to find people to come and pick," Slingerland said. "But we will do a minimal manual harvest for small lots here and there."

In St. Catharines, crews at Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery started to harvest their 20 acres of icewine grapes by

about 10 a.m. Monday.

"And it's looking like we're going to be good for four to five days," said president Paul Speck, of the mechanical harvest. "The wind is horrific out there, it's quite brutal. But at least we can do it during the day."

"We've got our second load in ... we're going to get a lot of grapes of today, and it's looking like a good week ahead of us."

No such luck for the harvesters of the icewine plots sown by Vineland Estates Winery.

There, winemaker Brian Schmidt said weekend rain froze on many berries and created an insulating shield, which warmed them up.

His crew was girdling for an early evening start, with a focus

Icewine Festival

Friday marks the launch of the annual Niagara Icewine Festival, with various celebrations and tastings of the delicacy.

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Celebrations kick off Friday with the annual Xerox Icewine Gala at the Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara Falls. Street festi-

vals are also on deck for both Twenty Valley's Jordan Village from Friday to Sunday and Niagara-on-the-Lake from Jan. 16 to 18.

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Man with cerebral palsy wants apology from theatre chain

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

A St. Catharines man who says the local theatre failed to accommodate his disability is looking for an apology.

Jason Santry, who has cerebral palsy, said he was denied a large bag for his medium-sized popcorn prior to taking in Mark Walberg's latest flick, *The Gumbat*, at Landmark Cinemas at the Pen Centre Friday night. Santry, 45, made the request for a larger bag because the shaking caused by his ailment resulted in him losing much of the popcorn.

"I ordered a medium-sized popcorn and asked the young lad behind the counter if he could put the popcorn in a larger bag because I have cerebral palsy and the way I shake, I would have had popcorn everywhere," the St. Catharines man said Monday.

The concession person complied with Santry's request, which was soon revoked by a supervisor, who Santry said took the larger bag out of his hands and dumped the popcorn into the smaller bag.

"I said, whoa, whoa, whoa, I need that bag. I have cerebral palsy and it makes it easier for me not to spill."

Santry said the supervisor told him he could not have the larger bag. He said she crumpled the bag and threw it in a garbage as she was leaving the concession counter.

"She never mentioned why I couldn't have it," Santry said.

Santry said he spoke twice with the theatre manager about his disability, once before the movie and again following the picture, but the manager "blew it off" and sided with the counter supervisor.

Santry said he has never had a problem with the popcorn bag request the numerous times he has gone to see a movie at the Cineplex Odeon theatres in Niagara Falls, nor has he had a problem with the request when going to a movie at the Pen Centre.

"I'm not a regular there, but I've never had a problem," Santry said of Landmark's Pen Centre cinemas.

As of Jan. 1, 2012, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) introduced the accessibility standard for customer service that mandates all private, not-for-profit and public-sector organizations with at least one employee are required to comply with the standard, which stipulates that businesses and organizations must carry out simple steps to provide accessible customer service, said Brigitte Marleau, spokeswoman for the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

"For example, the standard requires organizations to develop policies on how they will provide their goods or services in a way that is accessible to people with disabilities," Marleau said in an e-mail. "The standard provides flexibility so that organizations can develop policies that reflect the unique goods and services they offer

(e.g. policies that are specific to a movie theatre or concession stand).

Under the standard, organizations must have a process in place to receive feedback on how they provide their goods or services to people with disabilities. Organizations must also say how they will respond to feedback and act on complaints received. If a person wishes to make a complaint against a business about accessibility or service they received, they are encouraged to contact the business directly, using the business' feedback process to address their concerns. By using this feedback process, individuals and organizations are able to work together to determine solutions, as appropriate, which may include developing new accessibility policies or modifying existing ones.

After word of Santry's experience reached head office, Landmark Cinemas Canada posted on the local theatre's Facebook page that it regretted the incident.

Landmark Cinemas Canada is very sorry to hear of the experience at St. Catharines location this past weekend," the statement says. "We will be reaching out directly to Mr. Santry shortly to address his concerns. Landmark Cinemas works hard every day to meet the needs of all of our guests, and we apologize that we seemed to miss the mark in this instance. Our theatre managers and cast members are each trained in guest service, which includes (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) training. We are reviewing this incident to avoid a similar situation in the future."

The statement was not good enough for Santry.

"I don't think there's an apology in there at all," Santry said.

The statement was posted to Facebook Sunday night. Santry said someone from Landmark contacted him at approximately 3 p.m. Monday, but because he was unable to speak with them at that time, made plans to speak with someone from the company Tuesday afternoon.

Landmark Cinemas Canada director of operations Ryan Dion said late Monday afternoon from Kitchener it took the company a while to "track down" Santry's telephone number and was looking forward to speaking to him Tuesday "at which time we'll hopefully be able to come to a resolution and get an understanding what happened from his perspective and hopefully shed some light on the investigation that we've done internally and be able to hopefully move forward."

Dion said the incident was a "misunderstanding."

"I want to take accountability for where we could have had a different level of service than we had," Dion said.

Dion said it's Landmark's standard to accommodate a request such as that made by Santry and that it extends to all guests, not just those with a disability.

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INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE AND STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

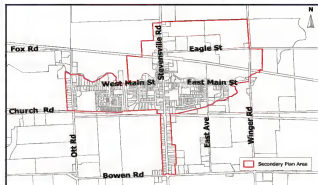
PROPOSED STEVENSVILLE SECONDARY PLAN AND IMPLEMENTING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE/MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2015
TIME: 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
LOCATION: STEVENSVILLE MEMORIAL HALL
2308 STEVENSVILLE ROAD, FORT ERIE

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2015
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT TOWN HALL
1 MUNICIPAL CENTRE DRIVE, FORT ERIE



IMPORTANT

If you live or own property within the proposed Secondary Plan Area, identified within the red boundary on the above map, it is important that you read the notice fully. **THE INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE** is an opportunity for interested persons to learn more or ask questions about what is being proposed for Stevensville's long term growth and changes in permitted land uses. **The Stevensville public meeting** will be held to give interested parties the opportunity of being heard regarding the making a written submission for Council to consider. **Town Council has not made a decision on the proposed Secondary Plan.**

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOU?

- As a property owner in the Plan Area you should consider the following:
 - Permitted land uses for certain properties may be considered for change. A **land owner whose property is located** within the Plan Area and/or whose property is adjacent to the Plan Area should consider the impact of the proposed changes on their property.
 - A proposed policy may change the way in which the property is used or the way in which the property is developed.

PROVIDING YOUR COMMENTS OR GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Commenting on the Proposed Secondary Plan and related Proposed Zoning changes is encouraged. You can provide input by calling or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the Information Open House meeting to speak with staff on hand.

If you wish further information please contact Chris Miller using the contact information provided below, or visit the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca to learn more about the proposed changes. **Do not** submit your comments to the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca as the Town's website is not a secure environment for submitting comments. You can also provide input by calling or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the Information Open House meeting to speak with staff on hand.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For comments to be considered before Council makes a decision, your written submission should be provided on or before Friday, January 23rd, 2015 to:

Chris Miller, MGP, AP, Neighbourhood/Planning,
Community and Development Services Department,
Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
Tel: 905-871-1600, ext. 2583
Or by e-mail, your comments to: cmiller@town.forterie.on.ca



WHAT THIS SECONDARY PLAN ATTEMPTS TO DO

A Secondary Plan turns part of the Official Plan and directs how a neighbourhood community will grow over the long term relative to the location and form of future residential, commercial, civic, mixed use and employment development. The plan also addresses public facilities, the protection of natural resources and future land patterns. Changes to the designated land use or action properties within the Plan area will result in changes to the zoning for those respective properties. The Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-06, which identifies what uses are permitted on a property and when on the property the use can be located, are proposed for changes to match and implement the Secondary Plan during this process.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Public Information Meeting is your opportunity to learn more about the proposed Secondary Plan, and the proposed changes to land use and zoning. If you have concerns that you would like staff to address, this meeting is a good forum to speak with staff about your concerns before the Plan reaches the Statutory Public Meeting.



STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING AND FUTURE NOTICE REQUESTS

An Information Report will be available at Town Hall or as part of the on-line meeting Agenda package on the Thursday prior to the scheduled Public Meeting date. Town Council has not made a decision on the proposed Amendments. A Recommendation Report will be prepared by Community and Development Services staff for consideration by Council at a subsequent date, following public input at this meeting. **Neighbourhood** is the approval authority for Secondary Plans. Should Town of Fort Erie Council adopt the Secondary Plan, it will be forwarded to Niagara Region for final approval. If you wish to sign a Request for Approval to approve the Plan in the Ontario Municipal Board, any such request is required to be filed with the Niagara Region. Details on filing an appeal will be provided in the Town's Notice following a decision on Adoption.

LEGAL NOTICE

If a person, or public body, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the proposed amendments (Secondary Plan and Zoning By-law) is adopted, the person, or public body, is not entitled to appeal the decision of the approval authority to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person, or public body, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the proposed amendments (Secondary Plan and Zoning By-law) is adopted, the person, or public body, may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, at the option of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of Town Council's decision on adoption of the Secondary Plan or approval of the proposed implementing zoning by-law changes, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk identified below.

Mr. Tom Miller, Executive Town Clerk
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.
Any such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2015
Tom Miller
Interim Town Clerk

Richard F. Brady, M.A. MGP, RPP
Director, Community and Development Services



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Nomination forms may be obtained from the following:

Town of Fort Erie
Facilities Management
3 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
Or
Email: icollie@forterie.on.ca

*** Nomination forms must be completed and submitted prior to Thursday, January 15th, 2015 to the above mentioned address, Attention: Cathy Dennaower

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TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

COMBINED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

5179 ALBINO HILLS ROAD

OWNERS: ALAN POWER AND MOLLY FITZPATRICK
AGENT: JENNIFER VIDA, UPPER CANADA CONSULTANTS

Application: 350302-089 & 350309-389

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS

PROPOSED CHANGE

An application for a combined Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment has been received for the property located on the west side of Albino Hills Road, in the Point Ainslie Area with the municipal address 5179 Albino Hills Road. The subject property is designated Environmental Protection in the Town's Official Plan and is zoned Dune Protection DP Zone, Environmental Protection EP Zone and Natural H Zone in accordance with Zoning By-Law 125-00. The applicant requests permission to construct a two storey detached accessory structure with a two car garage at grade and approximately 562 sq ft (64 sq m) of living space on the second floor, including sleeping quarters and a washroom facility.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment is to add a Special Policy Area to the Official Plan to permit the construction of a two storey accessory structure with sleeping and washroom facilities on the subject property within an area designated Environmental Protection.

The proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is to change the Zoning of the portion of the subject property zoned Dune Protection DP Zone to a site specific Dune Protection DP Zone to permit the construction of a two storey accessory structure with sleeping and washroom facilities with a maximum height of 70 metres.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kneibler, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 3007 or mknibler@town.forterie.on.ca. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public by 5:00 PM on January 28th, 2015.

The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, please send a letter to the Interim Town Clerk Tom Mathur, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to tmathur@town.forterie.on.ca.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not made a decision regarding the application. After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council or Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make and submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments before the Official Plan Amendment and By-law are passed, the person or public body will not be entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the "Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment" you must make a written request to Tom Mathur, Interim Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 1st day of January, 2015

Richard P. Brady, M.A., MCP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

Tom Mathur, Interim Town Clerk

Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca
Tel: (905) 871-1600 Fax: (905) 871-4022 Email: info@town.forterie.on.ca



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

1640 GARRISON ROAD

(REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS)

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 • TIME: 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
LOCATION: MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL



IMPORTANT

THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 1640 GARRISON ROAD THE PROPOSED FUTURE LOCATION OF THE NEW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NAGARA SECONDARY SCHOOL. THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD STAFF, TOWN STAFF AND REGIONAL STAFF.

The proposed facility consists of an 8,825m² (95,000 ft²) public secondary school, a 1,735m² (18,675 ft²) future addition, an area identified for future portables, a football field and a 40m running track.

To accommodate the proposal the applicant must redesignate and rezone the subject lands from Open Space and Commercial in the Town's documents and from Agricultural to a Special Policy area in the Regional Official Plan to a Special Policy area and a site specific site to permit a public school and ancillary uses in addition to the permitted open space uses.

PROVIDING YOUR COMMENTS OR GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Commenting on the proposed amendments is encouraged. You can provide input by calling or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the meeting to speak with the applicant or staff.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sue Haines, MCP, RPP
Supervisor of Planning
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NAGARA
161 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, ON L2H 7P4
905-441-2829 ext. 6422
Or by e-mailing your comments to:
info.cas@dsb.on.ca

Kira Dolch, MCP, RPP, OMAA, Manager of Development Approvals
Community and Development Services
Department
Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
905-871-1600, ext. 2532
Or by e-mailing your comments to:
kdolch@town.forterie.on.ca

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Senior Policy Planner
Planning & Development Services
Regional Municipality of Niagara
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Or by e-mailing your comments to:
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FUTURE NOTICE REQUESTS

This Public Information Open House is being conducted to allow public and stakeholders with an opportunity to meet with District School Board of Niagara and Town Planning staff prior to the formal legislative meeting in front of Council.

A statutory Public Meeting required under the Planning Act will be scheduled for a future date in the spring and will be posted in the Times newspaper and online.

If you wish to receive notice of the Public Meeting, you are requested to provide your name and address, e-mail address or mailing address where we would like to send you. Please use the contact information above to notify Kim Dolch of the preferred notice option. Staff would kindly request you consider e-mail delivery as preferred choice.

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Dated this 8th Day of January, 2015

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Church honours memory of a beloved member

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

If the congregation of All Saints Anglican Church needed help, Trinette Tomasello "would be there."

That's why the trivia night the congregation hosted in October was renamed the Trinette Tomasello Trivia Night in memory of Tomasello who her lusher battle with cancer in September, church member Sandy White said.

"We had about 165 people attend and it was the best trivia night we had yet," White said.
The event raised about \$4,000 and the congregation is donating \$1,300 to a number of local charities in honour of Tomasello.

White said Wellspring Niagara and the St. Vincent de Paul Food bank each received \$500 just before the New Year. Case El Norte and Last Chance Horse

and Pony Rescue each received \$100. All Saints Anglican Church also donated \$100 to a Fort Erie resident who is ailing from Lyme Disease and seeks expensive treatment in the U.S.

"We wanted to make these donations just before Christmas time because we thought it would be a great tribute to Trinette at this time of year."

Tomasello organized the first trivia night to raise funds for the church in 2009 and it has since become a tradition.

"Trinette chaired that first event and shortly after, she became sick," White explained.

"Trinette was a life long member and she was very active within the All Saints Parish. She was so well known that the church was so packed because there was not enough seats during her funeral!"

sarah.ferguson@sunnmedia.ca

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Little Isaac the first baby of 2015 at St. Catharines hospital

Bob Tymczyszyn
QMI Agency Niagara

Isaac Whyte was not expected to enter the world on the first day of 2015.

He was due Dec. 30, said mom Rachel Whyte, who gave birth at 5:26 a.m. on Jan. 1.

"We didn't really think it was going to be the first baby because midnight passed and we thought there's got to be another one born by now," said Whyte.

"I had no real thought that he was going to be first."

Just after 2 a.m., Whyte woke up husband Jon in their Thorold home telling him she was having labour pains. The couple arrived at the hospital at 4 a.m. and Isaac was born less than two hours later.

"It was very straight forward, no complications, we were lucky," she said.

The couple had had a quiet New Year's Eve.

"We had dinner with friends, it was an early night. We were home by 8:30, not a very eventful night," said Jon.

"We went to bed thinking we weren't going to be having the new year's baby, and here we are. We're very excited."

Jon admitted to being a bit out of practice as he dressed the 7 lb. 11 ounce Isaac Thursday afternoon.

As they struggled up for a family photo, 2 1/2 year-old



Proud parents Jon and Rachel Whyte and sister Adelaide welcomed Isaac Douglas Whyte into the world on New Year's Day. Weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Isaac was the first baby born in St. Catharines in 2015.

BOB TYMCZYSZYN QMI Agency Niagara

sister Adelaide was more excited just to have a baby brother than knowing it was New Year's Day.

Mom and dad haven't ruled out plans for more children.

"Just ask me again in a few

weeks," said Rachel.
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Cadets seek volunteers



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The 2966 Royal Canadian Artillery Cadet Corps 1 Legion held its annual holiday dinner in December. The Army Cadets have been serving youth ages 12 to 18 and offering free programs in Fort Erie since 1979. Cadets learn about leadership, first aid, sport marksmanship and field training and are involved in many community events and initiatives such as Poppy Days for the Royal Canadian Legion, the Santa Claus Parade and community clean ups. The cadets meet every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Andrews-Knox Church, 203 Highland Ave. The Army Cadets are currently seeking volunteers to assist in delivering the Army Cadet training program. For more information call Timothy Reilly at 905-991-8278 or e-mail 2966army@cadets.gc.ca.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Students at Crystal Beach Public School held a holiday concert for friends and family last month. The audience heard favourites such as The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Little reindeer



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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Bouquet for kind lady

A bouquet for the lady that turned in my wallet to the staff at Bulk Barn. You are wonderfully appreciated.

Bouquet for the New Year

A bouquet for the New Year. I want to wish everyone a happy and successful 2015. We have so much to look forward to this year. Let's make it a good one.

Bouquet for a coworker

A bouquet for my coworker who just recently had surgery. Everyone

at the office hopes that you are feeling better.

Brick for a lazy person

A brick for the lazy person who can't seem to fulfill all of his work responsibilities without pestering other coworkers. You should learn how to do your job, or find something else to do. We are all busy people with our own tasks.

Bouquet for an awesome mom

A bouquet for my mom that bought me a tablet for Christmas and installed all of my favourite games. I am so excited that I have a cool toy to play with. Thank you very much. Love, your son.

Brick for grumpy people

A brick for all the grumpy people that were miserable and couldn't be bothered to smile at Christmas time. It is a season for joy and you sure could use some.

Brick for lack of Christmas spirit

A brick for people who don't say Merry Christmas, and say Happy Holidays instead. Christmas is a special time for many and we should celebrate it. I wouldn't mind if someone said Happy Hanukkah to me, or Happy Kwanza. We should all celebrate our traditions and recognize others.

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Nutrition and lifestyle management strategies to help delay or prevent diabetes Thurs. Jan. 22, Tues. Feb. 24, Tues. Mar. 24, 1:30-3:30pm. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road.

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HEALTHY HEART

Discover foods to eat for a healthy heart. This program will be helpful for people with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart problems or anyone who wants to learn how to eat to keep your heart healthy. Thurs. Jan. 8, 1:30-3:00pm at the YMCA. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

EAT SMART

Discover foods to eat for a healthy heart. This program will be helpful for people with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart problems or anyone who wants to learn how to eat to keep your heart healthy. Thurs. Jan. 8, 1:30-3:00pm at the YMCA. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

HEART HEALTH AND LABEL READING

Learn how to read and understand food labels to help you make wise choices about the foods you eat. Thurs. Jan. 15, 1:30-3:00pm at the YMCA. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

HEALTHY EATING

Our Registered Social Worker and Registered Dietitian team-up Wed. Mar. 11, 1:30-3:30pm to look at the importance of sleep in a person's overall health and well-being. From weight management, mental and physical performance to your ability to manage stress, learn about the role of sleep and how to get a good night's rest. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca.

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Bertie students win silver in volleyball tourney

Bertie Public School's junior girls volleyball team won silver in the District School Board of Niagara Intermediate Volleyball Tournament.

The tournament was held last month.

Golfer sets sights on Florida university

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Growing up on the links, Madeline Marck-Sherk knew she wanted to go to school on a golf scholarship.

In September, the 17-year-old Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School student will realize her dream. Marck-Sherk will split her time between studying at Florida Gulf Coast University and playing on the golf course.

"I think it will be a challenge at first," Marck-Sherk said about being far away from her family.

"But I have good time management skills and so hopefully that will benefit me in the years to come," she about balancing her school work and athletics.

Marck-Sherk is looking forward to the opportunity to study and play golf in the U.S.

"It's kind of a relief because now I know where I am going and I don't have to keep thinking about it," she said. "It will be a change but I think it will be a good one."

Marck-Sherk was seven when she picked up her first golf club.

"I think I had a natural talent originally because I was able to hit the ball consistently from a young age."

Marck-Sherk spent many weekends at Ridgeway Shores Golf Club with her father, Mike.

"On the weekends, my mom would want to work and my dad would want to golf so he would take me along with him," Marck-Sherk said. "I would ride along in the golf cart and I realized I was interested in the game so I asked him if I could try it."

Not long after she asked her dad if she could play, Marck-Sherk took golfing lessons.

Marck-Sherk was 12 years-old when she began to play competitive golf, winning Rookie of the

Year on the Niagara District Junior Association Tour.

Marck-Sherk went on to compete in tournaments across Ontario and in the U.S.

In 2012, the teen competed in the U.S. Kids Golf Teen World Championships at Pinehurst. Representing the Whisky Run Golf Club in Port Colborne, she shot 82-79-89 over three rounds against 150 girls aged 13 to 17.

Marck-Sherk made the cut in the U19 Provincial and National Championships and was named one of the top 10 players in the U17 Ontario Championships.

Last year, Marck-Sherk placed 27th in the Ontario Women Amateur Championship, 9th in the U19 Canadian Championship and won seven of eight events on the local tour with a scoring average of 73. Marck-Sherk finished first in the U17 Ontario Championships, winning the Juvenile Girls' trophy and the Ontario Summer Games' gold medal.

Marck-Sherk she hopes to "play a lot" of golf next September and she would "like to go on the LPGA tour."

Marck-Sherk will continue to improve her game and train every available moment.

"I love the competition (in golf.) I love everything about it," Marck-Sherk said.

The teenager credits golf with teaching her how to communicate with other people.

"All of the people I've met in golf is insane. I have a lot of cool friends and close bonds. I don't see them every day but I see them in the summer (during competitions) and it is awesome," she said. "I think there are a lot of rules in golf and it's made me an honest and trustworthy person," Marck-Sherk said.

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Ridgeway's Madeline Marck-Sherk will travel to Florida in September to study on a sports scholarship at Florida Gulf Coast University.

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Mistakes plague Fort Erie Meteors



Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Head coach Rob Hubbert predicts a short season for his Fort Erie Meteors squad if the team continues to make little mistakes.

The Golden Horseshoe Conference junior B hockey team lost what would have been an eight-point weekend for them. The Meteors were defeated 7-6 in favour of the Niagara Falls Canucks Friday, and lost at home to the Canucks 4-0 on Saturday in Golden Horseshoe Conference junior B hockey action.

"I loved our effort Friday night. I thought we deserved a better win," Hubbert said. "As far as (Saturday) night, I thought our effort was there in the first and second periods but our performance just

wasn't there in the third period."

Hubbert felt the Meteors' defence was horrible and the team took undisciplined penalties.

"It's all the little stuff. It's mistakes that shouldn't happen. What the guys need to realize is it's mistakes like this that are going to kill our team. We need all the guys out there to play," Joseph Mordaca made 28 saves to put Niagara Falls in the win column Saturday.

The scoreboard remained empty until Cesare Caddarone scored a goal for the Canucks 11:58 in the second period. Rookie Paolo Sivoltoli replied, scoring the only goal of the night for the Meteors 13:33 in the second period.

Kevin Millejeux, Frank Pucci and Calton Anstey also picked up single goals for

Niagara Falls in the third period.

Niagara Falls excelled at penalty kills, as the visiting team didn't give up any goals despite allowing nine power plays.

The Canucks served 56 minutes in the penalty box on 12 infractions. The Meteors served 46 minutes on 11 infractions.

Liam Conway saved 27 of 31 shots for the Fort Erie Meteors.

With only 16 games left in the regular season, the push for the playoffs is on for the Meteors.

"If you're going to make it to the playoffs, you've got to catch the team above you," Hubbert said. "The holidays are over and now is the time to give back to the jersey and that's the message that's going to be

said to the guys. I'm going to be relentless. I'm not going to let up on the guys."

Hubbert said it's up to the Meteors to work hard and perform on the ice.

"We've played all the top teams and we have beat the top teams. When they follow the system and don't do their own thing, we are successful," he said.

"(Saturday) night was one of those games that should have been ours and I'm not going to give up. I'm going to push them hard," Hubbert said.

"I'm asking the guys to come and give 110% and I'll let the chips fall wherever they may fall."

The Meteors are at Pelham Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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JEFF BLAY Special to The Times
The Niagara Falls Canucks defeated the Fort Erie Meteors 7-6 in a shootout Friday night.

Meteors host Wild Game Night

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors will have a chance to learn

from experienced National Hockey League players.

Former NHLers Steve Ludzik and Rick Vaive will be on hand at the inaugural Wild Game Night Dinner at the Fort Erie Leisurplex in support of the Fort Erie Meteors on Thursday, Jan. 15.

"We're really excited to have Steve Ludzik and Rick Vaive," head coach Rob Hubbert said. "Our kids are going to see these guys and hear hockey stories back from the 70s, 80s and 90s."

Proceeds from the event will be used to start a scholarship fund for Meteors players who seek post secondary education.

A portion of the proceeds will also benefit the Hotel Dieu Shaver's rehab centre for Parkinson's disease in



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors will host the inaugural Wild Card Game Night on Jan. 15 at the Fort Erie Leisurplex. The event will feature stories from former National Hockey League Players Rick Vaive and Steve Ludzik. Proceeds from the event will go toward a scholarship fund for

St. Catharines.

"I think it's important for

the guys to learn about Parkinson's disease

because it isn't something we talk about often," Hubbert said.

"Ludzik will talk about the (Parkinson's rehab centre) at dinner and it's quite an honour."

When he asked Ludzik and Vaive to be part of the evening, Hubbert said the men "jumped on board."

Tickets are \$50 per person, and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

For more information call Tony Passero at 905-871-7462.

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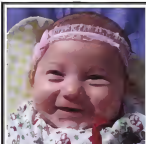
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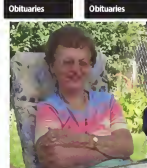
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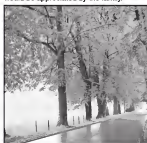


HALL, Kenneth Graham - It's with great sadness that the family of Ken Hall announce his sudden passing, at home on Monday December 22nd 2014. Ken was born in Simcoe Ontario January 5, 1937. Predeceased by parents, Robert (Slim) Hall, and Audrey (nee Barber), sister, Shirley Pearson and brother, Donald Hall. Ken is survived by his loving wife Muriel (nee Benner), children Chris (Jennifer), Shelley Miller (Michael), brothers Robert Hall (Adriana) and Clayton Hall (Donna), grandchildren Christina, Brent and Melissa, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Ken is sorely missed by his faithful dog and great companion "Holly". Ken worked several jobs through his youth before retiring from William's Gold Refining after 33 years. Ken was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 71. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Ken's life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Berle St. at Douglas St., Fort Erie, Saturday January 10th 2015 at 11a.m. Private family interment at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery will occur immediately afterwards. After the service, family and friends are invited to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71, 130 Garrison Rd. Fort Erie, at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon. In lieu of flowers Donations to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Accessibility Fund is requested.

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CLEMENCE, Eleanor - After a brief illness Eleanor passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on January 2, 2-15 at the age of 80. Predeceased by her husband Frank, son Rick and daughter in law Maureen. A lifelong resident of Fort Erie, Eleanor was an intrinsic part of Clemence Place, located on Niagara Boulevard. Eleanor leaves behind her five sons, Gary (Louise), Rollie (Shirley), Ron, Dennis (Valerie) and Craig (Viv) as well as her grandchildren Lex (Adam), Amanda (Aaron), Erin (Mike) Samantha, Jamie (Ruth), Darlene (Alan), Danny (Jonn), Eddie, Robert (Ariana) and great granddaughter Ivy. Eleanor greatly enjoyed gardening, and spending Wednesday afternoons with her "girls". She was a generous contributor to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The family extended thanks to the nursing staff at Greater Niagara General Hospital for their patience and kind treatment of Eleanor in her final days. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday January 6th from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services will be held in the Chapel at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Cremation will follow. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



In Memoriam
 A tribute to those we loved and lost.

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MATHEWSON, Gerald - Passed away on Sunday January 4th, 2015 at the age of 73. Predeceased by his loving wife Marjorie (April) Mathewson, and David (Dawn) Mathewson. Proud grandfather of Jordyn, Owen, Jack and Mia. He will be fondly remembered by his brother Ronald (Theresa) and sister Lucy (Vernon), his brother in law James Berry and his nieces and nephews. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Private services have taken place. If so desired, donations to the Make a Wish Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Mewha, Mary Rea (nee Starkhouse) Born Ridgeway Ontario, July 7, 1927 "7-7 Graduated University of Toronto Class of 1950. Married "Bert" on the 14th of March 1952. Back to school in her 40's & Graduated as a Dental Hygienist.

Mary, our Mom lost us during the morning of December 3, 2014.

Graced with 87 years of truly living life to its fullest, she travelled the world in style mostly with Bert, her one and only, for more than 50 years. Mary had her two boys with her and issued her final instructions to them, then posted it on the fridge. Although only 5'2" she was a tower of self determination and a realist right to the end raising the bar on life as we know it. With her sister Joyce these two girls broke hearts and blazed their own paths thru life. When they married they had a lot of love, played bridge, were very athletic and it up many a party with their presence. Although they are both gone now, they are survived by their loving brother Lloyd who will turn 90 soon.

The powerhouse in pink is no more, but she will live on, especially thru her girls that supported her with hugs and kisses for more than a decade. After losing her Bert how else could she have stayed so fit, sharp and pretty in pink for so long?

Mom, your boys will miss you and Dad forever. You two guys have made it easier for us to always remember you and to go forward in life with a passion and a sense of what's right and wrong that we got from you. Oh yeah, a lot of gift and some steel underneath.

It was Mary's personal wish to have no funeral or other service. She did have the rare but limited opportunity to say goodbye to some of those who were closest to her. The boys would like to pass on her farewell to all of her friends that cared about her and all of her Cherry Hill golfing buddies and the Cherry Hill staff that treated her royally. Remember her and keep that image you might have of her. All of her surviving friends can go forward with the inspiration to take the actions that will allow you to live and love life to its fullest. You got that from "The pistol in your Mom."

Rob, Michael & Frances

SHULAR, G. Richard "Rick" - Our hearts are saddened and broken as we announce Rick's passing at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday December 29, 2014 at the age of 68. Loving husband and best friend of Susan Elizabeth (nee Dobson). Beloved by his niece and goddaughter Sarah Dobson. Cherished brother in law of Craig Dobson (Joceyline Chamberland). He will be sadly missed by his large extended family including Gail Lancaster, Valerie Beattie, Doug Ineson Jr., Blair Shular, Elaine Shular, Becky Logan, Dwayne Wistey, Githa Kiefer, and the Lewis family, Martha, Mary, Warren and Matt. Predeceased by his parents George "Bud" and Patricia Shular, Susan's parents John and Dorothy Dobson and cousin Karen Johannas. Rick retired from Pierce and Stevens Canada (Formerly part of Pratt and Lambert and now Sherwin Williams) after 30 years as the Material Sales Manager. Rick loved his family and friends, helping those less fortunate, time spent at the golf course and was a proud and active member of the Town of Fort Erie. He contributed to the quality of life through his service as a member of Town Council first elected in 2003 and again in 2006, 2010 and 2014 and served in all capacities at the Town. A Life member of 48 years and past president of the Fort Erie Kinsmen, Rick received the Hal Rogers Fellowship award and served as the Governor of District One in 1985. Rick was a Past Master of Palmer Lodge 372 A.F. & A.M., and served as Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District B in 2000. He continued his service with the Niagara District Shrine Club serving as the President in 2005. Rick was also a member of Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, St. Paul's Anglican Church, a Past President of Kinsmen Minor Football and a past director with the YMCA and the Chamber of Commerce. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 1st from 7-9 pm. During this time, services will be held by the Kinsmen at 7:30, the Royal Canadian Legion at 7:45 and the Masonic Lodge at 8 pm. Visitation will continue after the services and again on Friday from 9-3 and 6-9 pm. Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday at 12 o'clock. Interment to follow in McEwen Cemetery. If so desired, donations to C.O.P.E., Meals on Wheels or St. Paul's Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family.

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Stark, Stanley - Stan passed away at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Thursday January 1st, 2015 at the age of 68. Predeceased by his wife Angeline (nee Torrassolo). Loving father of Samuel (Dorothy) Stark, Frances (Glanfranco) Genovese and Daniel (Joyce) Stark. Proud grandfather of Christine (Dave) Watson, Jennifer, Samuel Jr. (Katherine) Stark, Joseph, Gail (Rachel), Michael Genovese, Daniel (Anne), Matthew, Benjamin and Elizabeth and his 10 great grandchildren. **Benner Funeral Services** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday January 9th from 5 o'clock until the time of service in the Chapel at 7 pm. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Celebration of Life for Shirley Eade
Conservation Club
Of Br. Stewiaville
Saturday, January 10th, 2015
1pm - bar opens at 4pm
Family and Friends Welcome

Funeral Homes	Funeral Homes	Funeral Homes
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In Memoriams	In Memoriams
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HURST, Ben - Forty years have passed. Those we love we never lose. For always they will be loved, remembered and missed. Always in our memory, sadly missed by Mom, Dan and Jackie.

In Memoriams	In Memoriams
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In loving memory of a dear father, **Harry J. Bamhart** who passed away January 6, 1984. His memory is as clear today. As in the hour he passed away. Always remembered by your son.



John Maturani
January 5, 1923 - January 7, 2011
Time speeds on, four years have passed
Since death's kiss, his shadow cast. Gone is the face we loved so dear. Silent is the voice we loved to hear; Too far away for sight or speech. But not too far for thought to reach. Sweet to remember him who once was here. And who, though absent, is just as dear.
Love and missed by Teresa, Lou, Anna, Sandy and Megan.

Shirley E. Porter Jan. 4th, 2014
In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, who passed away one year ago.
We think of you with love today but that is nothing new.
We think of you yesterday and days before that too.
We think of you in silence as we often speak your name.
At we have memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our heart.
Shirley lives with us in memory and will forever be with us.
Love your Family.

IN 5 MINUTES

News and events – visually

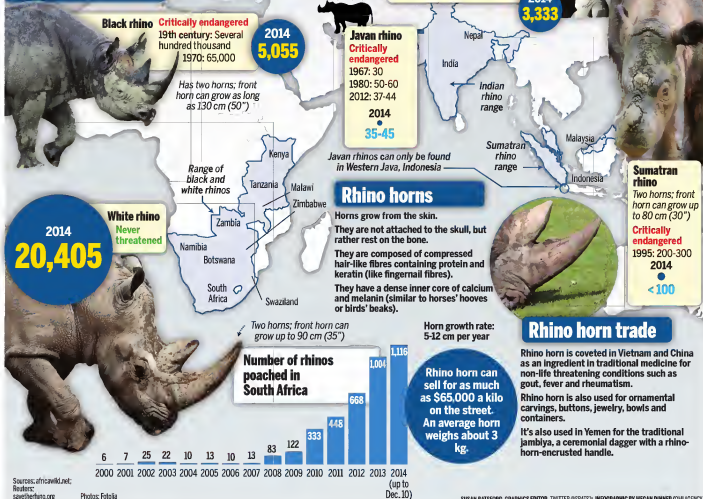


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Rhino crisis

South Africa lost a record number of rhinos in 2014 as the big animals across Africa were relentlessly poached to meet rising demand for their horns.

Rhino populations in the wild



Sources: africanwildlife.org
Reuters
savetheheros.org

Photos: Fotolia

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/// \$1,935

\$500**

\$36,156*
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\$258

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3.5L ecoboost engine
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